TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS CITIZENS

Based on a bilateral agreement, most citizens of the British Overseas Territory of the Turks and Caicos Islands are exempt from U.S. visa requirements in certain circumstances. (It is important to note that this visa exemption is different from the U.S. Visa Waiver Program.) Turks and Caicos citizens may apply for admission to the United States without a visa if they meet the following requirements:

- Arrive into the United States on a direct flight from the Turks and Caicos;
- Be in possession of a valid Turks and Caicos Passport ("British Passport, Turks and Caicos Islands") or Travel Document identifying the bearer as a British Overseas Territory Citizen with right of abode in the Turks and Caicos.
- Have no criminal record nor any legal ineligibility or inadmissibility as defined by U.S. immigration law (<u>click here</u> for details;)
- Be traveling for business or pleasure (tourism, visiting relatives, shopping, etc.) purposes for a short duration;
- (all persons 14 years of age and older) Be in possession of a police certificate issued within the past six months;

All citizens of the Turks and Caicos who apply for admission to the United States upon arrival from a third country, or who apply at a pre-clearance station located outside of the United States, are required to be in possession of a valid visa to enter the United States.

Turks and Caicos Islanders who also hold British citizen passport may be eligible to enter the United States without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program. <u>Click here</u> for details.